

REMARKS

In a telephone discussion between the Examiner and the undersigned on October 4, 2005, the Examiner proposed an amendment to claim 1 to overcome the cited art. The Examiner suggested amending claim 1's wording to indicate that the body defines at least one hole that extends at least partially circumferentially around the body. The Examiner further suggested striking the wording from the claim that indicated that the body defines at least one hole that extends from the outer surface and in communication with the at least one chip box whereby the at least one hole has a leading end and a trailing end. In response to that discussion, the Applicant has amended claim 1 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that claims 1-20 are therefore now in condition for allowance.

Applicant has also added new claims 21-28. Claim 21 is an independent claim which includes the limitation that the body has an axis of rotation and that the hole has a centerline and that the centerline of the hole does not intersect the axis of rotation of the bit. If one examines Hall (2,411,209) and specifically Fig. 6 thereof, it can be seen that the body has an axial passageway 15 and that the hole 17 intersects that axial passageway. Claim 21 consequently distinguishes over Hall's patent.

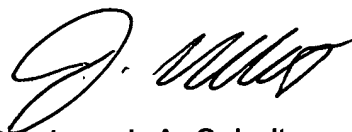
Furthermore, if one examines Erlandsen (960,526) and specifically Figs.6 & 8, it can be seen that the body has mandrel c' about which it rotates and that the holes h' intersect that axis. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 21 also distinguishes over Erlandsen's patent. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and subsequent

allowance of claims 21-28.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss the new claims, she is invited to contact the undersigned at (330) 244-1174.

Respectfully submitted at Canton, Ohio this 6TH day of OCTOBER, 2005.

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